

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 258

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A RESOLUTION to name the engineering building at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in honor of Senator Ward Crutchfield.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should permanently commemorate the accomplishments of those statesmen who have served this State with the greatest acumen and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ward Crutchfield is a well-rounded gentleman who has served astutely in the diverse worlds of the law, politics, and government; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious tenure in the General Assembly, Senator Crutchfield has served his constituents and all other citizens of Tennessee with the utmost professionalism, probity, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ward Crutchfield has served the good people of Chattanooga and Hamilton County for nearly thirty years as a member of the General Assembly, all but two years of such service being in the Senate; and

WHEREAS, this singular public servant has always worked with purpose and conviction to establish a brighter future for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, throughout his sterling legislative career, Senator Crutchfield has been an eloquent and well informed advocate for the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, appreciating the important role the University plays in its community and this State's system of higher education; and

WHEREAS, in return, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga has shown its appreciation for Senator Crutchfield and his many dedicated efforts on the University's behalf by

honoring him with the Outstanding Service Award, the Joe Morrison Award, and the Chancellor's Citation Service Award; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Senator Crutchfield was successful in securing the inclusion of \$28 million dollars in the Governor's budget to fund the completion of the engineering building at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, in fact, it is not too much to say that the engineering building would never have been possible without Senator Crutchfield's hard work and skillful advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Ward Crutchfield has played and continues to play an important role in making the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga one of the finest institutions of higher learning in the State, and he should be appropriately honored for his many fruitful endeavors in service of the University and its educational mission, and especially securing funding for the completion of the engineering building; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the engineering building at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is hereby named in honor of Senator Ward Crutchfield as a lasting tribute to one of the most outstanding citizens and public servants this State has ever produced.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the University of Tennessee, in consultation with the Chancellor of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, is directed to erect or affix suitable signs designating the engineering building at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga as the "Ward Crutchfield Engineering, Mathematics and Computer Science Building".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the University of Tennessee and the Chancellor of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.